

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/577,968	Applicant(s) MCCROSSAN ET AL.	
	Examiner Stephen Alvesteffer	Art Unit 2175	

All Participants:

(1) Stephen Alvesteffer, examiner of record.

(2) Dhiren Odedra, Reg. #41,227, for applicant.

Date of Interview: 16 July 2009

Type of Interview:

☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No
 If Yes, provide a brief description: .

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:
N/A

Claims discussed:
29, 33, 37, 38

Prior art documents discussed:
N/A

Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:
See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

Status of Application: pending

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Time: 3:00PM

/Stephen Alvesteffer/
Examiner, Art Unit 2175

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Discussed Examiner's Amendment to clarify "state of button material" limitation in independent claims to overcome outstanding 35 USC 112 rejection. Also discussed a possible 35 USC 101 issue regarding claim 33, where the "playback apparatus" might be interpreted as software per se. However, applicants' representative pointed out specification publication paragraph [0272], explicitly defining the playback apparatus as comprising hardware.